

Amendments to the Claims

1-8. (cancelled)

9. (new) A telecommunications services apparatus for use in a mobile telecommunications network, the apparatus comprising:

processing means for processing received text messages; and

call routing means operable:

to receive a routing information request signal indicative of a text message intended for a mobile terminal;

to return a routing information response signal indicative of the telecommunications services apparatus instead of being indicative of the intended mobile terminal; and

to control availability of processing of the text message based on subscriber specific information;

wherein the network includes a home location register storing said subscriber specific information so as to control the availability of text message processing.

10. (new) Apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the home location register includes a settable flag for controlling the availability of the text message processing.

11. (new) Apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the text message processing includes copying and/or diversion of the text message, interception of the text message, providing location privacy, anti-spam protection, access to diverted messages, and/or access to messages from other messaging systems.

12. (new) Apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the text message processing includes copying and/or diversion of the text message, interception of the text message, providing location privacy, anti-spam protection, access to diverted messages, and/or access to messages from other messaging systems.

13. (new) A telecommunications services method for a mobile telecommunications network, the method comprising:

receiving in a telecommunications services apparatus a routing information request signal indicative of a text message intended for a mobile terminal;

returning a routing information response signal indicative of the telecommunications services apparatus instead of being indicative of the intended mobile terminal; and

controlling availability of processing of the text message based on subscriber specific information;

wherein the network includes a home location register storing said subscriber specific information so as to control the availability of text message processing.

14. (new) A method according to claim 13, wherein the home location register includes a settable flag for controlling the availability of the text message processing.

15. (new) A method according to claim 12, wherein the text message processing includes copying and/or diversion of the text message, interception of the text message, providing location privacy, anti-spam protection, access to diverted messages, and/or access to messages from other messaging systems.

16. (new) A method according to claim 14, wherein the text message processing includes copying and/or diversion of the text message, interception of the text message, providing location privacy, anti-spam protection, access to diverted messages, and/or access to messages from other messaging systems.

17. (new) A computer program product having a computer readable medium having recorded thereon a computer program having computer executable instructions, which when loaded on to a computer is operable to cause the computer to perform a telecommunications services method for a mobile telecommunications network, the method comprising:

receiving in a telecommunications services apparatus a routing information request signal indicative of a text message intended for a mobile terminal;

returning a routing information response signal indicative of the telecommunications services apparatus instead of being indicative of the intended mobile terminal; and

controlling availability of processing of the text message based on subscriber specific information;

wherein the network includes a home location register storing said subscriber specific information so as to control the availability of text message processing.